



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Inventors: S. NAKAYAMA, et al.

Application No.: 10/801,637

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For: NICKEL-METAL HYDRIDE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD
FOR PRODUCING NEGATIVE ELECTRODE THEREOF

STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would indicate the status of the above identified application, including a written indication as to when the next communication can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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